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House Bill 865

By: Representative Parsons of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits in the Teachers Retirement System
- 3 of Georgia, so as to provide that a member shall be entitled to receive creditable service for
- 4 a prior period of employment while participating in the Regents Retirement Plan; to provide
- 5 for application and payment of employee contributions; to provide conditions for an effective
- 6 date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

- 9 Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 10 service creditable toward retirement benefits in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia,
- is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Code section to read as follows:
- 12 "47-3-96.

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- Any member of this retirement system may obtain creditable service for prior service as
- an employee of the Board of Regents during which time such member participated in the
- Regents Retirement Plan created by Chapter 21 of this title. In order to obtain such
- additional creditable service, the member must:
- 17 (1) Make application to the board of trustees in such manner as the board deems
- appropriate; and
- 19 (2) Pay to the board of trustees the employee contribution which he or she would have
- 20 made if he or she had been a member of this retirement system during the period
- requested, together with regular interest thereon."
- SECTION 2.
- 23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008, only if it is determined to have been
- 24 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
- 25 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not

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1 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2008, as

2 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

3 SECTION 3.

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.